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DXCC COUNTRY/ENTITY REPORT: According to the AR-Cluster Network for the week of Sunday, 13/January, through Sunday, 20/January there were 231 countries active. Countries available: 3A, 3B8, 3C, 3D2, 3D2/r, 3V, 3W, 4J, 4L, 4S, 4W, 4X, 5B, 5H, 5N, 5R, 5V, 5Z, 6W, 6Y, 7Q, 7X, 8P, 8R, 9A, 9G, 9H, 9J, 9K, 9L, 9M2, 9M6, 9N, 9Q, 9U, 9V, 9Y, A2, A3, A4, A5, A6, A7, A9, AP, BV, BY, C2, C3, C6, CE, CE9, CM, CN, CP, CT, CT3, CU, CX, D2, D4, DL, DU, EA, EA6, EA8, EA9, EI, EK, EL, EP, ER, ES, ET, EU, EX, EY, EZ, F, FG, FH, FJ, FK, FM, FO, FP, FR, FW, FY, G, GD, GI, GJ, GM, GU, GW, HA, HB, HC, HI, HK, HK0/a, HL, HP, HR, HS, HV, HZ, I, IS, J2, J3, J7, J8, JA, JD/o, JT, JW, JX, JY, K, KG4, KH0, KH2, KH3, KH4, KH6, KH8, KL, KP2, KP4, LA, LU, LX, LY, LZ, OA, OD, OE, OH, OH0, OK, OM, ON, OX, OY, OZ, P2, P4, PA, PJ2, PJ7, PY, PZ, S2, S5, S7, S9, SM, SP, SU, SV, SV5, SV9, T32, T7, T8, T9, TA, TF, TG, TI, TK, TL, TR, TU, UA, UA2, UA9, UK, UN, UR, V2, V3, V4, V5, V6, V7, V8, VE, VK, VP2E, VP2M, VP2V, VP5, VP6, VP8, VP8/h, VP8/o, VP8/s, VP9, VQ9, VR, VU, XE, XU, XW, YA, YB, YI, YJ, YK, YL, YN, YO, YS, YU, YV, Z2, Z3, ZA, ZB, ZC4, ZD7, ZD8, ZD9, ZF, ZK1/s, ZL, ZP, ZS

* PLEASE NOTE: The report "could" contain "Pirate/SLIM" operations. As always, you never know - "Work First Worry Later" (WFWL).

9K, KUWAIT (Special Activity). Members of the Kuwait Amateur Radio Society (KARS) were signing **9K2RA/AE** this past week to celebrate the return of "His Highness the Amir of Kuwait Alshaikh Jabber Alahmad Alsabah" from his successful medical treatment trip, on Tuesday 15th of January 2002. If you worked them a special QSL card will be available. By the way, the suffix "/AE" stands for "His Highness" callsign 9K2AE.

A5, BHUTAN. Ray, G3NOM, continues to be active as **A52OM**. He was heard over the past weekend on 80 and 40 meters CW, as well as 15, 17 and 20 meters. Reports indicate that he is there with his XYL, E21UHL, on an invitation from the Department of Telecommunications in Bhutan. During the next four weeks they will prepare 20 local HAMs for their amateur radio licence exams. QSL via G3NOM.

ATTENTION LOW BANDERS! Lee, KH6BZF, propagation guru, reports that according to some data, watch **January 30th - February 2nd** for possible good to excellent Low Band propagation conditions. All is based on a 27.5-day rotational data of the sun's affect on geomagnetic conditions.

CARIBBEAN ACTIVITY (C6 and J6). Gary, KI6T, will be operating from **Bahamas** and **St. Lucia**. His schedule is as follows:

- Look for **C6AGS** from **February 12-17th**. Activity will be on SSB/CW, 40 through 10 meters (IOTA NA-80). Operation will include the **ARRL DX Contest**.
- Look for **J68GS** from **March 21st through April 2nd**. Activity will be on SSB/CW, 80-10 meters. Operation will include the **CQ WPX SSB Contest** with **J6DX**.
- QSLs for C6AGS and J68GS are via KI6T, either direct or via bureau.

DAYTON HAMVENTION DX DINNER. The **Southwest Ohio DX Association** is pleased to announce the **Seventeenth Annual DX Dinner** to be held on Friday, May 17th, 2002 at the Crowne Plaza Hotel, Dayton, Ohio. There will be a cash bar at 6:30 PM and dinner at 7:15 PM. Tickets are \$33.00 and must be purchased in advance. Groups wishing to sit together must order as a group. A table seats eight. Please make your check or money order payable to SWODXA, and send an SASE for ticket return. Seats will be assigned in the order that requests are received. Seats will be assigned on 16 March 2002. Seating is limited. Please order tickets from Steve Bolia, N8BJQ, 7354 Thackery Rd, Springfield, OH 45502. For information on the dinner, check the following Web site at: <http://members.aol.com/SteveB4622/> Or contact Steve Bolia, N8BJQ, at (937) 788-2803 or sent E-mail to: n8bjq@erinet.com

DXCC NEWS. Bill Moore, NC1L, DXCC Manager, reports that the following operations were on hold for DXCC credit pending receipt of documentation. Documentation has been received and they are OK for DXCC credit:

- CAMBODIA (2001): XU7ABZ, XU7ABW, XU7ABY, and XU7ACA
- GUINEA (2001): 3XY6A and 3XY8A

If you had these rejected in an application, you can contact DXCC for an update (dxcc@arrl.org), or, just include it with your next submission.

FG, GUADELOUPE. Remember to look for Pierre, F6FXS, to be active from here **now through February 7th**. His callsign will be either **FG/F6FXS** or **FG5/F6FXS**. Activity will be on all HF bands including the WARC bands. He will use an IC-706MKII (100 watts) and wire antennas. This will be a holiday style DXpedition. QSL via his home callsign direct or via bureau.

H40, TEMOTU PROVINCE (Update). During the period from **March 28th through April 12th**, Nick, VK1AA, will be organizing a DXpedition to Temotu Province. The team will be active in **CQ WPX Contest** as Multi/Single and will be active on all amateur bands from 160-6 meters, all modes. The team consists of VK1AA, YT6A and probably YT6T. They are still looking for a few good CW/SSB OPs, well experienced, and ready to join team to do their best to contribute to the final goals of the DXpedition. You can visit their WEB page at: <http://www.qsl.net/vk1aa/temotu/> All questions and requests can be sent to VK1AA at: watchman@tig.com.au QSLs are via VK1AA.

IOTA NEWS.....

- **AS-NEW.** The VUIOTA group, which had a successful IOTA operation at **St. Mary's Island (AS-096)**, is back to activate a new island off the coast of Kerala State. The name of the island is Sacrifice Rock and has never been activated. The VUIOTA team (Manipal and Mangalore Hams) will start their activity at 0800z **January 26th - January 27th**. The team consists of VU2SBJ, VU2RDQ, VU2MTT, VU3DMP, VU2PAI, VU2RDJ, VU2JIX, VU2JRO, VU2NJN and SWL Laxminidhi. The team will be active with three station on 80-10 meters CW/SSB on the IOTA frequencies. There will be 6 meter activity for the first time on the island. Please visit the following Web page for more information about their activity at: <http://www.vuiota.com> QSLs will be handled by each operator with their respective callsign. Cards can be sent direct (SASE) or via Bureau. All the direct requests and the Bureau cards for the previous IOTA (AS-096) St. Mary's island operation have been despatched last year. (Please note that there is no suffix /p (portable) with the callsign as there was some confusion during AS-096, IOTA operation.)
- **SA-067.** Operators Carl/PU1NEZ, Pete/PY1NEW and Lima/PY1NEZ will activate the lighthouse (LH-0244) on **Frances Island, January 24-27th**, as **PU1NEZ/PP1**, **PY1NEW/PP1** and **PY1NEZ/PP1**. Activity will be on 40-6 meters CW/SSB. Suggested frequencies are:
 - CW - 50110, 28040, 24920, 21040, 18098, 14040 and 7030
 - SSB - 50110, 28460, 28370, 24950, 21260, 18132, 14260 and 7055QSL home callsign direct or bureau.

LIGHTHOUSE NEWS/ACTIVITY.....

- **INTERNATIONAL LIGHTHOUSE/SHIP WEEKEND 2002.** In a press release, Mike, GM4SUC, announced that the International Lighthouse/Lightship Weekend 2002 will take place from 0001z on Saturday, **August 17th** until 2359z on Sunday, **August 18th**. Last year's activity had 348 amateur radio stations established at lighthouses and lightships in 46 countries. A full list of stations that were active with their QTH and QSL information can be found at: <http://vk2ce.com/illw/2001.htm> The complete ILLW press release will be sent to all OPDX InterNet Subscribers as an additional bulletin.
- The Amateur Radio Lighthouse Society (ARLHS), the world's largest organization devoted exclusively to maritime communications and light beacons, is proud to announce its "**Patriot Award**." This award commemorates the disastrous events of September 11, 2001, in New York City and Washington, DC. It is available to anyone worldwide who establishes radio contact with a lighthouse or lightship in each of the USA's original 13 colonies. Shortwave listeners may also apply for the award by submitting written confirmation of having heard a light beacon in each colony. A list of the original colonies and the lights in each, along with complete details about applying for the award, is available on the Society's web page at: <http://www.waterw.com/~weidner/arlhs/index.html> For further information, visit the Web site or send an E-mail to the ARLHS founder and president, Jim, K2JXW, at: k2jxw@arrl.net

OFFICERS FOR 2002. The following elected amateurs will serve as officers in the **Southern California DX Club (SCDXC)** for 2002:

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Please visit the SCDXC Web site for the latest club information at: <http://www.scdxc.org> The SCDXC is hosting the 53rd annual "International DX Convention". For complete information and registration, please visit the convention Web site at: <http://www.qsl.net/visalia2002/>

OPERATOR NEEDED. Scott, N9AG/J68AS, reports that the **J6DX** team is looking for one more full-time operator for its **2002 CQ WPX SSB** Contest M/M effort. They currently have 5 full-time ops (W8QID, K9JE, W9CEO, KI6T and N9AG) and 2 part-time ops (K5ZM and K3LP). If you are interested in this March 20th to April 3rd operation/vacation in a nice villa, please contact Scott at: scottal@erinet.com

OY & TF, FAROE ISLANDS AND ICELAND. Tom/DL2RTK and Ric/DL2VFR will be heading northbound again and will be taking a ferry to OY and TF. Their schedule is as follows:

- **May 20-22nd** - They will sign **OY/homecall** from **Streymoy Island (EU-018)** in the **Faroe Islands**. Activity will include activation of a coast based lighthouse (details later).
- **May 23-24th** - They will sign **TF7/homecall** from **Vestmanneyjar Island (EU-071)** from **Iceland**.
- **May 25-30th** - They will sign **TF1/homecall** from **Iceland** (main island) (**EU-021**). Activity will possibly include an entry in the **CQ WPX CW Contest**, and an activation of Lighthouses possibly between **May 27-30th** for one or two days from **Grimsey Island (EU-168)**, and activation of WLH LH-0140 as **TF5/homecall**.

They will work CW and SSB on 160-6 meters. RTTY and PSK activity will depend on actual demand. Other operators might join the team for some days (to be announced later).

P5, NORTH KOREA. According to the KK6DO Web site, dated January 19th, Ed, **P5/4L4LN**, is back from vacation. Ed should be back on the air in several weeks, maybe sooner. He is going to build the Butternut Vertical and test it. However, due to the severe cold weather, it might take him a while to mount the antenna on the roof. Operations should be on 15m phone. The Bencher Keyer is going to be tested and so is Ed's keying ability. When he is comfortable, CW operations will begin, and the band will be announced. So, watch the Web site for his operating schedule at: <http://amsatnet.com>

PW0T, TRINDADE ISLAND. Excerpts from two press releases by Atilano, PY5EG, state the following (Complete press releases will be sent to all OPDX InterNet Subscribers as an

additional bulletin): "The Araucaria DX Group, with unprecedented cooperation from Inepar S.A company and its Chairman Oms PY5EG, the Brazilian authorities and Navy, is proud to announce that it will sponsor a major DXpedition to Trindade & Martin Vaz Archipelago, the most eastward point of Brazilian territory..... This will be the first lengthy DXpedition in several years to this much-needed DXCC entity. Trindade & Martin Vaz Archipelago currently appears in the Top 30 on the "Most Wanted" lists.... The team expects to be on the air some time during the late hours of **February 18th** and to operate non-stop with as many as four stations until their departure on **March 2nd**.... With the special callsign **PW0T**... Operations on 160 through 6 meters including the WARC bands will include RTTY, PSK31, and SSTV. Amateur satellite activity is uncertain at this time. Special plans have been made to insure that the low bands and 6 meters are activated with appropriate antennas and experienced operators dedicated to overcoming the challenges these bands offer. DXpedition Leader Andre PY0FF, taking over after months of delicate negotiations by Oms PY5EG, has gathered the following operator team: PY5CC, PY5HSD, PT7BZ, PY7XC, PY7ZY, PY7ZZ, PY0FF, N6FF and W9VA....." Their QSL Manager will be Steve, KU9C. Dennis, K7BV, will head up the Publicity and Fund Raising with assistance from Bill/W9VA and Steve/KU9C. They request to please send early individual support contributions to K7BV: Dennis Motschenbacher, 4357 Appollonio Way, Carson City, NV 89704. Your kind contribution can also be sent with your QSL-SASE to KU9C. The DXpedition Web site is at: <http://www.Trindade2002.com> Also, please visit the Araucaria DX Group Web site at: <http://araucaria.inepar.com.br/>

QSL INFO AND NEWS.....

- **IRC OR USD? THAT IS THE QUESTION.** Wolff, DJ5JH, wants to remind everyone that the use of a "greenstamp" instead of the IRC, because the "buck" is often cheaper than one IRC, is not really true in all countries. There are many countries, like Germany, where one US-Dollar no longer covers for an airmail letter overseas. So the choice is not one IRC or one USD, but two USD. So then the IRC is the cheaper solution. Wolf states he receives regularly direct QSL wishes with only 1 USD because many are not aware that airmail postage in Germany is 0.51 EURO within Europe, but 1.53 EURO (equals at present 1.37 USD) overseas. Also, in some countries, it is forbidden to own dollars; another reason that it is often better to use IRCs.
- LU2CN is the QSL Manager for **LU1ZA**. LU2CN address is: S.A.R.A., Avenida Del Libertador 8209, Cap Fed. 1429, Argentina
- Bert, PA3GIO, informs OPDX that direct QSLs for **VK9XV, VK9CQ, VK9LO** and **VK6GIO/5** are in the mail. The Web site is updated with the QSLs, new pictures and with some QSO Audio clips from VK9 recorded in the USA. About QSLs, Bert states there was about 151,000 QSOs, and he confirmed 91% without waiting for incoming QSL, that is about 138,000 (not everyone seems to reply to his QSLs). On his last trip, 20,000 QSOs were made, 18,000 QSOs were confirmed on January 14th (about 2000 seemed not to reply, and these will be confirmed). There was 4000 direct QSLs which have been sent and 14000 Bureau QSLs should be in every country in about one month. Bureau QSL were dropped off at the bureau around January 19th.
- Angel, WA2VUY, reports that he received **YA5T** QSL, via KU9C, for a November 30th QSO.

SOUTH PACIFIC DXPEDITION (5W and YJ). Michel/F6COW and Dominique/F6EPY are planning to be active from Samoa and Vanuatu during the months of February and March. Their

operations will be mainly CW. The focus will be Europe on the low bands (80/40m), WARC bands (30/17/12m) and the digital modes (RTTY/PSK31/MPSK/MP63) in order to provide 5W and YJ to many EU radio hams. Their suggested operating frequencies are:

- CW - 3515, 7015, 10115, 14015, 18095, 21015, 24905, 28015 and 50085
- DIGI - 7035, 10145, 14085, 21085 and 28085
- SSB - 3780, 7075, 14215, 18135, 21215, 24985, 28465 and 50125 kHz

Their equipment includes: Xcvr 1 - ICOM 706 MK2G (main) / ICOM 706 (spare); Xcvr 2 - Yaesu FT100D (main) / ? (spare); Amplifier 1 - YAESU FL-2100B; Amplifier 2 - YAESU FL-2100B; Antennas - Top loaded Butternut HF2V vertical monopole with 15 x 10m radials on seawater for low bands, Butternut HF9V vertical monopole with 15 x 10m radials on seawater, Vertical polarized quad loop on sea water and 2 element HB9CV for 6m. Their schedule is as follows:

- **February 19-28th** - Look for **5W0MP** (Michel/F6COW) and **5W0DA** (Dominique/F6EPY) from **Upolu, Samoa (OC-097)**.
- **March 4-15th** - Look for **YJ0AOW** (Michel/F6COW) and **YJ0APY** (Dominique/F6EPY) **Vanuatu (Efate and Espirito Santo) [OC-035]**.

A Web site is available at: <http://perso.wanadoo.fr/dominique.auprince/> QSL via direct (home callsigns of Michel Perrin, F6COW, or Dominique Auprince, F6EPY, as in callbook) or via the French bureau.

SPECIAL EVENT. Look for special event station **ZY3WSF** to be active **January 31st through February 5th**, from **Porto Alegre, Brazil**, during the **World Social Forum** (<http://www.forumsocialmundial.org.br>). Activity will be on 10-80 meters CW and SSB. QSL via the bureau or direct to: Gilberto Silva Pacheco Filho, Rua: Fabio A. Santos 1245 ap 310 Bloco 2 Bairro Nonoai, Porto Alegre, rs 91720-390 Brasil.

T30, WESTERN KIRIBATI (Update). It has been reported that due to airplane problems, Eric, **T30ES**, is currently off the air and back in Tarawa. His new battery has been purchased and is being shipped to Butaritari Island. He has made arrangements for the battery to be picked up, charged and ready to go upon his return January 28th. His current schedule is Saturdays at 1900z and Thursdays from 2330z around 14288 kHz. (Note time change from previous schedule)

VP8, SOUTH SANDWICH ISLANDS. The DXpedition is now active as **VP8THU**. The team landed on the island Friday, however, their Zodiacs were damaged slightly during the trip. They were on the air late Friday. The length of the operations is unknown, but hopefully after reading this, activity will continue a few more days before they head to South Georgia Island. Most of the activity has been on 40-10 meters, including the WARC bands, on CW/SSB. QSL via VE3XN.

XU & XW, CAMBODIA AND LAOS. Jaak, ES1FB, informs OPDX that he will be active as **XU7ACE January 27th for 2 weeks**. He plans to be on 80-6 meters, mostly SSB, and some CW. Also, he will be going to Laos (XW), for 3-4 days. Dates and callsign are not known yet. QSL via ES1FB.

XW, LAOS. Mauro, IN3QBR, is expected to be active as **XW3QBR** from **January 21st through July 31st** in **Vientiane**. Also, Fabrizio, IN3ZNR, is expected to active as **XW3ZNR** from **April 20th through May 10th** in **Vientiane**. No details were provided of bands/modes activity.

YA, AFGHANISTAN. According to the **YA5T** Web site, Peter, ON6TT, should be in Pakistan by the time you read this (January 21st) and should be back in Afghanistan **for one week on January 23rd**. After that he will be in New York for one week and fly back to Pakistan after that. Peter should be in and out of Afghanistan for the next two months. Robert, S53R, is expected to leave Slovenia and should be in U.A.E. (A6) by the time you read this before moving onwards to Pakistan a couple of days later. He should be in Afghanistan around **January 31st for two months**. Mats, SM7PKK, is in A6 for a couple of weeks. He might be going into Afghanistan after one or two months. Mark, ON4WW, is in Pakistan and should be flying into Afghanistan by **January 31st for at least a couple of weeks**. PLEASE NOTE: All YA5T activity after December 2nd, 2001, until now was bogus. Again, it should be noted that all operators are there for their work with the UN World Food Programme. Their activity might be limited, the equipment they use is QRP, and their humanitarian work has priority. Meanwhile, Nick, **G4KUX/YA**, continues to be active on 20 and 10 meters SSB. Check around 14194 kHz after 0300z and around 28487 kHz after 0630z.

SPECIAL NOTE BY EDITOR: If you are having a problem receiving bounced mail by sending mail to me via " kb8nw@barf80.nshore.org ", please send mail to me via " kb8nw@arrl.net "..... TNX de Tedd KB8NW

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<http://www.papays.com/opdx.html>

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